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The Honorable Kenneth M. Carr
Chairman
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
7920 Norfolk Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Carr:

The Joint Committee on Printing recently learned that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission acquired an electronic publishing system in the early part of 1989 without advising the Committee prior to acquisition. Such equipment falls within the statutory purview of the Joint Committee and the proposed acquisition should have been presented to the Committee prior to purchase.

Printing processes have evolved from manual to mechanical to electronic technology over a period of years. Electronic printing systems and integrated printing systems using computer technology are simply the latest steps in this evolutionary process (please note the enclosed Chairman's letter dated February 15, 1979, addressed to the Heads of all Departments and Agencies). Consequently, in accordance with the provisions of Title 44, United States Code and the Committee's Government Printing and Binding Regulations, approval of such equipment by the Joint Committee on Printing is required prior to acquisition.

Before the Committee can consider "after-the-fact" approval of the electronic publishing system, the following information must be supplied for the period of time during which the system has been operational:

1. Cost of the system.
2. Total number of initial pages reproduced.
3. Total number of pages reproduced.
4. Average cost per 1000 pages reproduced.
5. Savings achieved and how they were accomplished.

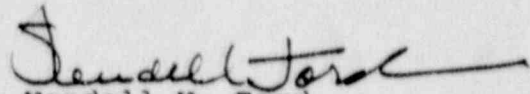
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While the Committee reviews the validity of the acquisition, the electronic publishing system should be under the control of the Central Printing and Publications Management Organization (CPPMO) which should be responsible for determining that it is used efficiently in accordance with the Agency's printing management regulations and the Joint Committee's Government Printing and Binding Regulations.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please get in touch with Jim Bradley of the Committee staff at 224-5950.

Sincerely,


Wendell H. Ford
Chairman

Enclosure